

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2138 without my signature.

This bill attempts to create a statewide policy of exempting certain foster care students from district-specific graduation requirements. In doing so, this bill would usurp the authority of local school boards to determine the conditions under which students should be granted diplomas. Beyond the current minimum statewide requirements, local school boards have the ability to waive their own local graduation requirements based on the merit of each student's case. This bill would undermine their ability to judge each individual student's particular circumstances.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger